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# USS Enterprise Aircraft Strike Enemy

*USS Enterprise (CVN 65)  
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ABOARD USS ENTERPRISE, At Sea -- Strike fighter aircraft from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 312, flying from the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) in the North Arabian Gulf, attacked enemy targets near Kirkuk, Iraq, last night in support of Operation Iron Hammer.

After flying complex missions over both Afghanistan and Iraq in recent weeks, this strike was the carrier's first use of precision-guided ammunition in the Kirkuk region.

Two VMFA 312 F/A-18 Hornet strike fighters from Enterprise's embarked Carrier Air Wing One each dropped a 1,000-pound Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) in the attack, destroying an enemy position. Ground troops operating in the area had taken fire from that enemy position in recent days.

"The systems worked as advertised," said Marine Capt. James W. Smith, 31, of Ridgewood, NJ, one of the two aviators involved in the mission. "It went very well, very methodically -- from 'talk on,' to delivery, to the egress." Marine Capt. Wade E. Wiegel, 32, of Sac City, Iowa, flew the other Hornet.

Enterprise deployed with three Hornet



U.S. Navy photo

An F/A-18 Hornet pilot flies in formation with another Hornet while entering Iraqi airspace in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Operation Iraqi Freedom is the multi-national coalition effort to liberate the Iraqi people, eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, and end the regime of Saddam Hussein.

squadrons, one of which is the "Checkerboards" of VMFA 312, based at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, SC.

"Personally it's a reminder of how proud I

am to be a Checkerboard with CVW-1," Smith said. "It's exciting to be part of the first squad-

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## NAVCENT Hosts Maritime Security Cooperation Conference

**By Lt. j.g. Joshua A. Frey,**  
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*Public Affairs*

Participants from 13 countries in the Central Command area of responsibility met recently to discuss the way ahead for security cooperation with partners and friends in the region extending from the North Arabian Gulf to the Suez Canal down to the East African nation of Kenya.

Security cooperation, a term brought forth by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, focuses on fostering greater ties and working relationships with countries in the Naval Forces Central Command area of

responsibility (NAVCENT AOR). Some of the ways NAVCENT enhances security cooperation is through military-to-military contacts, exercises, and humanitarian assistance.

"We build relationships with all the local governments in our AOR, with specific maritime interactions with 15 countries," said Cmdr. Jay Stocks, the NAVCENT Security Cooperation Officer. "This is the first time in three years we have gotten together our maritime country officers, NAVCENT staff and various program managers. We have all the people we need to move forward. What we accomplish here, could set the tone for the next several years of activity for the 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet."

The country officers consisted of naval

attaches and security assistance officers from the various countries in the NAVCENT AOR, all of whom gave country briefings and were able to share ideas on how to proceed with security cooperation.

"It's good to sit and talk about problems at our level and to get ideas on how to resolve them," said Air Force Maj. Rich Hunt, security assistance officer from Kenya's U.S. Liaison Office.

Kenya recently increased border and coastal security after a terrorist attack on a Mombassa hotel and the firing of a shoulder launched surface to air missile last December. In a recent U.N. report, it is believed that

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ron aboard Enterprise to engage the enemy.”

Enterprise is the Navy's only aircraft carrier currently deployed to the 5th Fleet area of responsibility. Since arriving in theater, Enterprise aircraft supported Joint Task Force 150 near the Horn of Africa. They also provided close air support and airborne command and control to Army and Special Operations Forces combating Taliban and anti-coalition militias in Afghanistan.

“Once again, the Marines led the way into combat,” said Enterprise Carrier Strike Group Commander Rear Adm. James G. Stavridis. “The Navy-Marine Corps team has never been stronger and our partnership in Enterprise speaks to that. I couldn't be prouder of these brave Marines and the leadership they've shown.”



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US Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Nicholas S. Hizer  
A night assault is conducted by F-18 Hornets and A-H1 Cobra's on hostile forces in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Operation Iraqi Freedom is the multinational coalition effort to liberate the Iraqi people, eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and end the regime of Saddam Hussein.



Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet, is **Vice Adm. David C. Nichols, Jr.**

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the weapons were smuggled in by a small boat from neighboring Somalia.

Some of the ways the U.S. Navy will seek to build relationships is through distinguished visitors embarks to underway ships and port facilities. Under this program, heads of state, business personnel and various military personnel from friendly nations can gain exposure to U.S. Sailors and Marines in their everyday operational jobs.

Other programs such as community relations help build lasting relationships in nations including Kuwait and Djibouti, as well as Bahrain, home to the Commander U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, U.S. Fifth Fleet (COMUSNAVCENT/COMUSFIFTHFLT) staff.

In September, the Southwest Asia First Class Petty Officers Association completed remodeling support for the Al Hytham School in downtown Manama, combining their skills to convert a classroom into a library and refurbish a property wall.

Engineering and construction projects, conducted by Navy Seabees from COMUSNAVCENT/COMUSFIFTHFLT, have gone the distance in fostering security cooperation. In August, Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (NMCB 4) deployed to Jordan to build a helo pad for Prince Ali Bin Al Hussein Hospital in the city of Karak. Completed by the Seabees in 40 days, the project helped improve the hospital's emergency medical capabilities for

the community.

Medical and Dental Civil Action Programs (MED/DENT CAPS) also help develop lasting relationships among local host nation populations. In October, servicemembers from Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa (HOA) performed their largest MEDCAP in the region, treating more than 2,970 patients over a three-day period in Hurso, Ethiopia. MED/DENT CAPS have been performed throughout the Horn of Africa over the last year in other NAVCENT AOR countries, including Djibouti and Kenya.

“Security Cooperation is a key piece to winning the war on terror. We're trying to build relationships in peace, for when we might need them in war,” said Stocks. During Operation Enduring Freedom, cooperation with Gulf state countries enabled coalition aircraft to fly into the land-locked Afghanistan to deny the Taliban and Al Qaeda a base of operations.

In addition to enhancing interoperability, bi lateral and multi lateral military exercises are another way to form lasting partnerships. In early October, U.S. Navy and Bahraini Defence Forces conducted exercise Neon Response. The exercise offered an opportunity for U.S. and Bahraini Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technicians to train on techniques used to defeat improvised explosive devices (IEDs), a capability of real world application in the on-going war against terror-

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# Joint training hones boarding teams' skills



A member of HMS Norfolk's (F230) Boarding Team Alpha descends stacked shipping containers during a training exercise aboard Naval Support Activity Bahrain. U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment 102 and Norfolk's boarding team members conducted the training to increase proficiency in skills utilized during boarding operations.

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*Coast Guard Forces Southwest Asia  
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Members of U.S. Coast Guard and British Royal Navy boarding teams collaborated during a Nov. 14 training session to increase proficiency in skills utilized during boarding team operations.

The training was held in two parts and included practical training to sharpen skills employed during the search of container vessels along with a classroom session to dis-

cuss boarding procedures and review lessons learned during operations.

The practical training, held at Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, focused on the use of climbing gear to gain access to shipping containers which are typically carried in tall stacks aboard the container vessels.

British participants in the training were from HMS Norfolk, which according to Royal Navy Stores Accountant First Class Steven Wells, left its homeport in Plymouth, England on Oct. 12 and arrived in the Gulf Nov. 11.

Royal Navy Petty Officer (Electronic Warfare) Mark Harvey, second in charge of HMS Norfolk Boarding Team Alpha, added that the training was a good refresher prior to joining operations with coalition forces in the North Arabian Gulf.

Coast Guard participants in the joint training were from the Law Enforcement Detachment 102 of the Coast Guard Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team, based at the Marine Corps Re-

cruit Depot in San Diego, Calif. LEDET members have been operating in the gulf aboard USS Chinook (PC-9) for over two months, having conducted 61 boardings in the gulf during maritime interception and security operations. LEDET members were involved in the seizure of the motor vessel Marwan that was apprehended while attempting to smuggle 1,800 metric tons of Iraqi oil.

Even though LEDET personnel had conducted numerous boardings in the gulf, none of them had involved container ships so the joint training was a good review for them as

well.

"Of our boardings, about 50 were of cargo dhows, five or six were on tankers, a couple were on RO-ROs (roll-on, roll-off vessels) and one was on a ferry boat. We've had no container climbing this trip," said Coast Guard Gunner's Mate 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Josh Novotny.

Boarding team members from both nations enjoyed the opportunity to train together and observe each other's procedures and techniques.

"Everything is pretty much the same with only slight differences due to the equipment used," said Coast Guard Boatswain's Mate 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Sean Meetzie. "It's cool to work with them to see how they do things," he added.

The classroom training was presented by members of the LEDET to the Royal Navy teams on the mess deck of the Norfolk. During that training, LEDET members went over boarding procedures and discussed documentation requirements for vessels and crewmembers operating in the North Arabian Gulf. They also reviewed techniques used by smugglers for concealing tanks and rubber bladders aboard dhows, tugboats and freighters for transporting illicit products.

While the boarding teams were training, their officers in charge met to exchange information, and Lt. Mike Hosey, LEDET 102 officer in charge, shared leadership challenges and experiences with newly trained UK officers in charge to give them a sense of what their duty is ahead.

"This joint training has been extremely beneficial on both sides," said Lt. Cmdr. Roger Bullock, assistant Coast Guard liaison officer to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command. "It was a solid review for our Coast Guard personnel to practice their skills and to also observe some new techniques of their Royal Navy counterparts. At the same time, it was a great opportunity for the British boarding team members to sharpen their skills and pick up on some lessons the Coast Guard boarding teams have learned over here. I think it will pay dividends in the future for all who participated," he added.



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# Deployed Sailor Adopts Djiboutian Child

By Sgt. Matthew B. Roberson

CJTF-HOA Public Affairs

CAMPLEMONIER, Djibouti -- With temperatures in the high 120's and almost no relief from the heat, there aren't very many people deployed here who would consider this their best deployment ever, but then again, not everyone gets to take back a new son when they go home.

Religious Program Specialist, 1st Class John Caudle and his wife Lori talked about adopting a child, but it didn't become a reality until John's deployment here.

"For quite a few years we've tried to have another child of our own, but due to fertility issues we've been unsuccessful," said Lori, mother of three already. "That's why the thought of adopting had come to the forefront as the next alternative."

Although adopting a child was something John and Lori were considering, they never thought it would happen while John was deployed with a unit specializing in counter-terrorism operations.

"Originally I hadn't intended to adopt a child from over here," said John. "I had deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom and through working with the orphanages, I became interested in the possibility of adopting a child."

"I called back home to my wife to make sure we were still on the same sheet of music as far as adoption goes," John continued. "I wanted to make sure we were both ready for another kid. She said 'yes', and I started talking around to see what the possibility would be."

The first step in the adoption process was identifying a mother who was giving up her child for adoption. The courts heard about an unemployed mother unable to care for her child and contacted John with the news. "Ultimately, it was the courts that got us connected with the right people," John explained. "They just happened to know about my situation, found out about a woman who was giving her child up for adoption and gave me a call. They said they had found a child and asked if I was still interested in adopting. Of course I said 'yes' and it all started from there."

After the child was identified and the wheel was put into motion, the next step for John and Lori was to see if they would be able to adopt before John was redeployed. The Djiboutian courts require a 90-day waiting period before adopting a child, not allowing John enough time to get everything done



US Marine Corps photo By Sgt. Matthew B. Roberson  
Religious Program Specialist 1st Class John Caudle, deployed to CJTF-HOA in Djibouti, and his wife Lori hold their newly adopted Djiboutian baby, Jacob.

before leaving.

"We were lucky that the courts waived the waiting period because I was getting ready to re-deploy," John said as he readjusted the blanket keeping his new son warm. "Everything pretty much fit into place perfectly, and the child's mother was very gracious and helpful in assisting us through the entire process."

The mother actually had to give up some of her rights in order to make everything possible said John. "She wanted the child to have the kind of life she knew she couldn't provide. When she saw that we could, she went out of her way to help us out."

With the adoption process running smoothly, John had to find someone to look after their new son, Jacob Zane Caudle, until Lori could fly out here to take him back.

"One of the hardest issues was finding someone who could watch our child, who was willing to help out and take care of him," said John. "We were very fortunate to find a wonderful nanny here who was worth a lot more than we were paying her. She was like a mother to him and we couldn't have asked for better."

The nanny looked after Jacob until Lori arrived here Oct. 5.

According to Lori, coming to Djibouti was truly a different and unique experience for her, and she can't wait to get their new son back home to meet his two sisters and brother.

"All the other kids and everyone back

home is really excited and can't wait to meet their new brother," said Lori.

Their new son will meet his oldest sister Amanda, 19, his oldest brother Joshua, 17, and his youngest sister Ashley, 14, when he arrives in the U.S.

"I have three people who can't wait to help out when we get home," said Lori.

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ism, as well as in Iraq.

Another important opportunity the conference offered was the dialogue between country officers. Security Assistance Officers, Defense Attaches and Country Engagement Officers were able to "mind meld" about issues within their respective countries to brainstorm with different ways to solve problems.

Security cooperation among Gulf neighbors is one of many important policies that will shape the atmosphere of the Central Command AOR for years to come.

"This has given everyone information that they can go back and refer to from anyone in the AOR," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Robert Denton, a Security Assistance Officer of the U.S. Office of Military Cooperation in the Kingdom of Bahrain. "There were not just Navy personnel here, but joint personnel from all the services. The different services, such as the Coast Guard, bring different ministries of their countries into the dialogue."



# VAW-123 Rewrites Tactics Textbook

**JO3(SW) Jason Thompson**

*USS Enterprise Public Affairs*

ABOARD USS ENTERPRISE, At Sea—On Nov. 2, the crew of USS Enterprise (CVN 65) and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 1 were enjoying a port call in Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates. Less than 24 hours later, after a recall of the 5,600-person crew, the carrier and embarked air wing steamed through the Strait of Hormuz out to the Northern Arabian Sea to conduct flight operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The embarked Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron One Two Three (VAW-123) redefined strike group tactics with an unprecedented deployment within a deployment. A former Russian airfield remaining from the Soviet-Afghani conflict was the staging ground for these operations. At nearly a mile above sea level, Bagram Air Base is the northernmost airfield in Afghanistan. It also served as the home base for ten aircrew and eight maintainers from the "Screwtops" of VAW-123 when operations began Nov. 4.

"We provided sustained and persistent airborne command and control in support of Army ground troop movements for ongoing operations in the North Hindu Kush Mountain Range in Afghanistan," said Cmdr. Steve Miller, commanding officer of VAW-123.

The Screwtops of VAW-123 served as a forward-deployed asset by launching their E-2C Haweyes from USS Enterprise to Bagram. "Our aircraft flew 800 miles from Enterprise's position in the Northern Arabian Sea into Afghanistan. Because of the time and distance and the aircraft's capabilities, the aircrew refueled on the ground at Bagram," said Miller.

The Hawkeyes then launched from the airfield to conduct operations in the skies over Afghanistan. After the mission was complete, the aircraft returned to Bagram for refueling, and then made the 800-mile flight back to USS Enterprise. Because of the long duration of the missions, the aircrew rotated through aircraft, meaning each crew did not necessarily return to Big E in the same aircraft in which they left.

"This was the first time this expeditionary concept has been exercised in this type of environment," said Miller.

While in the air the Screwtops controlled Close Air Support (CAS) aircraft for on-call fire support to troops on the ground. They oversaw the flow of aircraft into and out of the operating area as well as controlled tanker aircraft for refueling the CAS aircraft.

In addition to flying first-of-their-kind missions, the aircrew had to adjust to living

cises," said Miller.

By sending squadron personnel to the ground in Afghanistan, the Screwtops were able to conduct missions that otherwise wouldn't have been possible. "This is proving to be a viable capability for the fleet. There will be a maturing process as we've got some very good 'lessons learned', but



U.S. Navy photo by Airman Angel G. Hillbrands

Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron One Two Three (VAW-123), embarked aboard USS Enterprise provided command and control support for Army ground troops in Afghanistan participating in Operation Enduring Freedom, 800 miles from the ship's position in the Northern Arabian Sea.

in a completely foreign environment.

"Bagram is what I imagine the Wild West was like. It's an isolated outpost in the middle of a volatile country," said Miller.

A minefield left over from the early 1980's surrounds the airfield. The aircraft flight line is in range of sniper fire, inspiring the personnel assigned to Bagram to refer to the flight line as "Sniper Alley."

"We had to wear flak jackets and Kevlar vests when going to the flight line," said Miller.

In these harsh conditions, eight aircraft maintainers recovered, repaired and launched six aircraft every 24 hours.

"The ground crew got minimal sleep each night. They worked all night and often into the day. They slept and ate whenever the opportunity afforded itself," said Miller.

Bagram is also the temporary home of the Air Force's 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, as well as Marine and Army ground forces, making it a joint forces setting.

"Bagram is a hodgepodge of military forces. It's a huge coalition base and it proves the value of joint operation exer-

overall this operation is ... another tool in the tool box for the United States Navy," said Miller.

"The Navy can operate in a foreign environment and provide a new dimension to warfare capabilities. We are a sea-based expeditionary force that is now on call on land as well," he added.

As versatility becomes the hallmark of modern war fighters, the Sailors, soldiers, airmen and Marines at Bagram recently erected a small stone monument featuring a quote by author George Orwell. It reads: "We sleep safe in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm."

"Less than 72 hours after leaving a scheduled port call, we flew our first combat operation from Bagram," said Miller. "That's a true testament to the Big E motto of being 'ready of arrival.'"

By adding a new dimension to warfare capabilities, Enterprise Carrier Strike Group, operating as the only deployed CSG, is demonstrating a never-before-seen flexibility and increasing the multi-warfare potential of the world's fiercest operating platform.



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# Volunteer Project Hands Out Books

By JO2 Tim Walsh

NSA Bahrain Public Affairs

Legacy Project founder Andrew Carroll visited Naval Support Activity (NSA), Bahrain Nov. 17 to help distribute more than 20,000 copies of Armed Services Editions (ASEs) throughout Central Command's area of operation. He appeared at the Desert Dome from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Carroll's first stop during his visit to hand out ASE copies of *Wry Martinis* and *The Man in the Arena* to military members was to the Mark Six swimmer defense dolphins. After spending a few minutes with the dolphins, Carroll spoke with a trainer and donated a box of books.

Next, Carroll headed over to the pier to visit with the crews of USS Ardent (MCM 12), USS Raven (MCH 61), USS Dexterous (MCM 13), USS Cardinal (MCH 60) and USCGC Wrangell (WPB 1332). At each stop, Carroll explained the Legacy Project Legacy Project book-donating campaign and thanked crews for their work.

"Everyone I talked to back home about this visit asked me to tell you how much they appreciate what you are doing," Carroll told the crews, however, he also stressed the ASE project cannot convey stateside appreciation for the troops.

"We hope [this book distribution] is one part of many different efforts that remind [the troops] how enormously grateful we are to them," Carroll said, "and that we're thinking of these men and women and what they're doing for us every single day."

Afterward, Carroll handed out the books to Sailors with personal thanks.

"Coming all the way out here to hand out these books really let's me know people back home are thinking about us over here," Quartermaster 2<sup>nd</sup> Class John McNabb of USS Raven said.

Prior to his afternoon appearance at the Desert Dome, Carroll met briefly with NSA Commanding Officer Capt. Jay Smith and NSA Executive Office Capt. (sel.) Paul R. Kennedy.

Over the next two hours, Carroll handed out books near the Dome's stage. While giving away the books, he also spoke with Sailors about their jobs and answered questions about the Legacy Project.

Between the Dome and the USO, a group of Seabees shoveled dirt for a construction project. Carroll noticed them working, grabbed two handfuls of books and approached the group.

"Hey guys! Mind if I leave these in your truck," asked Carroll, holding up the books.



US Navy photo by JO2 Tim Walsh  
Andrew Carroll, founder of the Legacy Project, talks with Sailors aboard USS Cardinal (MCH 60) during a visit to the ship to hand out Armed Service Edition (ASE) books to the crew.



US Navy photo by JO2 Tim Walsh  
QMSN John Tadyeh reaches for Armed Services Edition (ASE) books aboard USS Raven (MCH 61).

"Don't worry: they're free."

Not everyone at the Desert Dome readily accepted Carroll's generosity. At first, some Sailors seemed leery of free books asking, "what's the catch?" No catch. Others responded with hugs, with one female Sailor exclaiming, "you are a beautiful person for

doing this!"

Following Carroll's Desert Dome appearance, he spoke with U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/ 5th Fleet's chief of staff, Capt. William E. Gortney, and force master chief, CNO Directed Master Chief (SS/SW/AW) R. J. Chapman.

In addition to distributing books on base, Carroll plans to visit service members in Iraq and flying out to USS Enterprise.

"I cannot express how much I am looking forward to flying out to the ship," Carroll said, "not only because I think it will be an experience of a lifetime, but, more importantly, I like the idea of seeing these Sailors in their element."

Although donations to service members and military families are nothing new, Carroll's actions have historical significance. In an effort to bring back a World War II initiative, the Legacy Project is reviving Armed Services Editions (ASEs), condensed versions of previously published books.

From 1943 to 1947, more than 123 million ASEs were distributed to troops serving overseas. However, after the war, the program was discontinued. This is the first time in 55 years that service members will receive ASEs.

The Legacy Project has gone to great lengths to make the new ASEs similar in design to their predecessors. The organization produced the books in a size designed "to fit in a cargo pocket and marked them as 'Armed

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# CJTF-HOA turns over incinerator to Djibouti City

**Story by Staff Sgt. Timothy Edwards**  
*CJTF-HOA Public Affairs*

DEUDAH, Djibouti – Management of an incinerator purchased and emplaced by Combined Joint Task – Force Horn of Africa was turned over to Djibouti City Sanitation in a ceremony here Nov. 16.

The purpose of the incinerator project, costing the task force \$231,000, is to help eliminate excess trash and organic waste from the local region.

"This incinerator will help keep the community clean, reduce possibilities for the spread of diseases and reduce the likelihood of water contamination," said Air Force 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. George S. Harrington, CJTF-HOA engineer assistant operations officer and project manager.

"The incinerator operates off of combustion of high velocity air from a blower attached to the engine of the incinerator," he continued. "This and the size of the holding area enables it to burn 6-10 tons of wood, organic waste and plastic each hour at 1,000 to 1,200 degrees."

"We, of the city of Djibouti, are in the process of undertaking a great fight, combat, in the area of cleaning up our urban areas," said Ahmed Samireh, mayor of Djibouti during the ceremonies. "This incinerator will help us greatly in this, particularly in the area of getting rid of the different types of garbage."

Projects such as this not only help the community, they help the task force in its mission to detect, disrupt and defeat transnational terrorism in the Horn of Africa region by promoting economic growth and denying terrorists a safe haven.

"Improving the lives of Djibouti citizens is an essential aspect of eradicating terrorism and foster economic growth," said Brig. Gen. Willard C. Broadwater, deputy commander, CJTF-HOA, while speaking at the ceremony. "A clean and healthy environment will help promote economic growth and economic development. This national development will ensure against the emergence of

terrorism and allow Djibouti greater control of its own destiny."

The month and a half long project began on August 20 when the site near the Deudah Dump was selected.

"This site was selected because it is local and could provide an immediate impact on the cleanliness and appearance of the area," Harrington said, as he explained the construction of the incinerator site.

He continued to explain that before any construction

could begin the lot had to be cleared of piles of trash and waste by the contractor hired for the project. This opened up an area that now had to be built back up.

To do this, dump trucks brought in loads of fill dirt from outlying areas in Djibouti. "This portion took the longest," Harrington explained. "The dirt had to be brought in from miles away, taking time. When it arrived, it had boulder-sized rocks in it that had to be removed before it could be compacted into a pad."

Laborers were hired from the local community to remove the large rocks as the fill pad was erected. This is standard practice according to Harrington. All contracts awarded by CJTF-HOA state that all unskilled labor must come from the local community, rather than bringing in outside laborers. This is done to help bring jobs to the local areas.

"This proved to be the most difficult part of the project," he said. "Due to cost, there were limits on job opportunities for laborers

during construction. The contractor gave us a number they could hire with the current contracted amount. We then talked to the chief of Deudah, who told us how many he wanted to be hired. In the end we were able to find a compromise and get the job done."

After the initial fill pad was completed, an aggregate (rock) layer as well as primary and secondary access roads were added. This provided a solid level for the incinerator to sit on and easy access for waste to be brought to the incinerator.

Once the incinerator was in place on the fill pad a fence was erected around the outer edge of the pad for the safety of locals and animals.

The turnover of management also

means jobs in the community according to Harrington.

"This will provide additional job opportunities for incinerator operators and maintainers now that Djibouti City Sanitation is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the incinerator."

The ceremony recognizing the accomplishments of this project and the transfer of control of the incinerator ended with Brig. Gen. Broadwater and Abdoukader Doualeh Wais, Interior Minister of Djibouti, cutting a ribbon to symbolize the opening of the incinerator.

"I am aware that American forces here in Djibouti help us in economic areas and areas of social development," Wais said. "For example, in the area of health of both people and animals and in the renovation of schools and roads. These are actions that will be with us, that remain, that will service us in many years to come and indeed will be a reminder of your stay here in Djibouti." 🇺🇸



U.S. Marine Corps photot by Staff Sgt. Timothy S. Edwards

The Interior Minister of Djibouti, Abdoukader Doualeh Wais, and Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa Deputy Commander, Army Brig. Gen. Willard C. Broadwater, cut a ribbon at the entrance to an incinerator given to the Djiboutian government in a ceremony here Nov. 16.

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Services Edition'," Carroll said, "so the troops would know the books are meant just for them.

"These are not secondhand or overstock books," Carroll explained. "These are books selected and printed specifically for our men and women in uniform."

Carroll believes this is just the beginning of his Legacy Project goal to continually publish first-rate titles in ASE format.

It might be easier just mail the books to

military personnel, but for Carroll, this is personal.

"There are few things I enjoy more than handing out these books personally and meeting with servicemen and women either in both U.S. and overseas," Carroll said. "As a civilian, I never fully realized just how many sacrifices they and their families make for us day in and day out."

Aside from creating the Legacy Project, Carroll also edited War Letters: Extraordinary

Correspondence from American Wars and several other bestselling works. War Letters is also one of the six ASE titles being distributed. Although Carroll stresses this trip is to hand out books, he will not turn anyone away who wants to donate their letters.

For more information on the project, visit [www.warletters.com](http://www.warletters.com) on the internet, write to War Letter Project, PO Box 53250, Washington, D.C. 20009, or e-mail [WarLetterProject@aol.com](mailto:WarLetterProject@aol.com). 🇺🇸

# Expeditionary Strike Force Stands Up in Gulf

By JO2 Rachael Leslie  
USS Enterprise Public Affairs

ABOARD USS ENTERPRISE, At Sea - USS Enterprise (CVN 65) Carrier Strike Group, the Navy's first CSG to deploy in the new leaner and meaner four-ship formation, recently combined with the Navy's first Expeditionary Strike Group One led by USS Peleliu (LHA 5), a hybrid containing all of the elements of an amphibious ready group coupled with the strike power of surface combatants, forming the Navy's first deployed Expeditionary Strike Force.

The forces are now operating in Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command area of responsibility carrying out missions in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom in an area vaster than the landmass of the lower 48 United States.

"The ESF was created in direct response to the Global War on Terror. It is a means for the U.S. Navy to more evenly distribute our combat power between Carrier Strike Groups and Expeditionary Strike Groups," said Rear Adm. James R. Stavridis, Commander, Enterprise Carrier

Strike Group. "The ESF is also a powerful vehicle for innovation in the development of new tactics, techniques, and procedures to find, fix, and fight terrorists on their home turf."

After operating together for two weeks, the Enterprise CSG and the Peleliu ESG were split to perform separate missions in the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

"But we can just as easily come back together and go back into the Arabian Gulf, and that exemplifies the flexibility of the ESF," said Capt. Robert A. Buehn, Jr., Chief of Staff for Enterprise Carrier Strike Group. "We've enjoyed a great working relationship with our opposite numbers in Peleliu ESG."

According to Buehn, the Navy's Deep Blue team at the Pentagon, working with the N-81 organization on the Chief of Naval Operations' staff, developed the ESF concept immediately after the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> attacks on the United States.

"Deep Blue is a think tank that works on innovation for the CNO, formed in response to the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. They operationalized the concept working from ideas generated in N-81. That's when the

Navy came to the realization that we needed to come up with a new way to deal with these problems," said Beuhn.

The idea behind ESF is for the Navy to get away from the traditional, but separate carrier battle group and amphibious ready group scenarios.

"The ESG has amphibious capabilities we don't have in the CSG, and we, likewise have some capabilities, like the airwing, they don't have," Beuhn pointed out. "Depending on what the combat situation is and what the mission is, we can compliment each other or cover for each other. It just gives us more flexibility in more situations. This is really in a response to the new global war on terrorism. What used to be the cold war blue-water Navy is not as effective against the terrorist threat as this new concept."

"We'll be able to use the ESF concept to quickly pull together the incredible strike power of the combined Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Groups, to include a full combat air wing, the USMC Marine Expeditionary Unit, tomahawk missiles, sophisticated communications and intelligence capability, and truly sustained

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## Command Religious Program Naval Support Activity Bahrain

### Weekly Schedule of Events

Monday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1700 - Gospel Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility
Tuesday	1130 - Praise Ministry - Chapel Training Facility 1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1830 - Gospel Bible Study, Chaplain Parker's flat
Wednesday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chapel/Training Facility 1630 - Catholic Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility 1730 - Protestant Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility 1830 - Gospel Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility 1830-2000 - Alien Youth Group Bible Study (grades 9-12), Bahrain School Room NTC 2000 - Gospel Praise Dancer's rehearsal, POC Elder Sorrells
Thursday	1130 - Praise Ministry- Chapel Training Facility 1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1630-1700 - Confessions, Chapel/Training Facility 1730 - Catholic Vigil Mass, Chapel/Training Facility 1830 - Gospel Intercessory Prayer Ministry, POC Miller 1830 - Children's Choir Practice - Chapel/Training Facility. POC Sister Diane
Friday	0815 - Catholic CCD classes. POC Monika Thompson 0930 - Catholic Mass, Chapel/Training Facility 0930 - Protestant Adult Friday School II in the CPO Lounge at the Dome 1100 - Protestant Worship Service, Chapel/Training Facility 1130 - Gospel Friday School Class, Navy College Classroom #2 1300 - Gospel Service, Chapel/Training Facility 1330 - Gospel Children's Church ages 5-10 in the CDC, POC Mrs. Fulson 1830 - Catholic Bible Study- Fr. Borger's flat
Saturday	0730 - Protestant Single and Geo-Bachelor Men's Study in the Dome Conference room 1545 - Protestant Campaigner's Youth Bible Study, Bahrain School Rm 53 POC Ketan
Sunday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1800 - Protestant Evening Worship Service, Chapel/Training Facility 1900 - Gospel Praise Dancer's rehearsal, POC Elder Sorrells



#### Laypeople:

Muslim- CTICM Young  
Latter Day Saints- Cmdr. Hansen  
Jewish- Lt. j.g. Frey  
United Pentacostal- CW3 Moody

#### NSA Chaplain Staff:

Cmdr. Marshall, Command Chaplain  
Lt. Borger, Catholic Chaplain  
Lt. Johnson, Catholic Chaplain  
RP2 Harris  
RP3 McCalister  
**NAVCENT Chaplain Staff:**  
Capt. Tidd, Command Chaplain  
Cmdr. Pugliese, Catholic Chaplain  
RPC Ponce  
RP2 Mosqueda

Questions regarding Command Religious Programs, please contact NSA Bahrain Chaplain's office at 439-4235/4303 or 724-235/303, Sunday - Thursday.

*Event participation contingent upon Force Protection Conditions*



## NSA Bahrain Service of Thanksgiving

Wednesday  
26 November @ 1800

Chapel/Training  
Facility

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combat power from the sea," said Stavridis.

The changes in the formation of forward deployed naval vessels also means possible changes in the deployment rotation of the groups. According to Buehn, it could result in either longer or shorter deployments for Sailors.

"The Chief Naval Operations always talks about presence with purpose. Go somewhere, perform a mission and come back. Not necessarily just go for six months regardless of the situation," said Buehn.

"The Navy is shifting away from predictable six-month rotations to more 'surge' deployments, and the formation of Expeditionary Strike Forces in forward

operating areas will be in response to operations as they occur. ESF provides combat flex forward, and will be a powerful tool for the theater commanders," said Stavridis.

For Enterprise Sailors, the formation of the ESF also means they are once again on the cutting edge of Navy innovation as their predecessors were when they went to sea aboard the Navy's first nuclear powered aircraft carrier.

"We were very proud to stand up the first Expeditionary Strike Force in Navy history from The Big E, working with the professionals on Peleliu," added Stavridis. "As the very first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, what could have been a better flagship for the very first ESF than USS Enterprise?"

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## NSA Paradise Theater

### THURSDAY

20 1530 Muppet Christmas Carol (G)  
1730 George of the Jungle (PG)  
1930 Grease (PG)

### FRIDAY

21 1530 Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over (PG)  
1730 Dirty Harry (R)  
1930 BadBoyz 2 (R)

### SATURDAY

22 1530 Mary Poppins (G)  
1730 Batman Returns (PG 13)  
1930 S.W.A.T. (PG 13)

### SUNDAY

23 1730 How to Deal (PG13)  
1930 Pirates of the Caribbean (PG 13)

### MONDAY

24 1730 Uptown Girls (PG13)  
1930 Bad Boyz 2 (R)

### TUESDAY

25 1730 Demolition Man (R)  
1930 American Wedding (R)

### WEDNESDAY

26 1530 Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over (PG)  
1730 Liar Liar (PG13)  
1930 S.W.A.T. (PG13)

**SPY KIDS 3-D: GAME OVER** (PG) Antonio Banderas & Alexa Vega: Carmen's caught in a virtual reality game designed by the Kid's new nemesis, "The Toymaker" and it's up to Juni to save his sister and possibly...the world. (85 min)

**S.W.A.T.** (PG 13) Samuel L. Jackson & Colin Ferrell: A young special weapons and tactics (SWAT) team member, demoted after his hothead partner accidentally shoots a hostage, gets a second chance when a new "elite" team is put together that can bring some luster back to the force. Their first job is to transport a killer who promises a 100 million dollars to anyone who can bust him out. (116min)

**UPTOWN GIRLS** (PG 13) Brittany Murphy & Dakota Fanning: The freewheeling daughter of a rock legend is forced to face the realities of life after her accountant runs off with her fortune. After taking a job as a nanny for the daughter of a record company executive just to pay the rent, she finally discovers what it means to be an adult...by teaching a child how to be...a child. (93 min)

**AMERICAN WEDDING** (R) Jason Biggs & Alyson Hannigan: With East Great Falls High School now just a memory, the kids have grown into adults ready to wreck a new rite of passage...the marriage of Jim and Michelle. With Stiffler in charge of the ultimate bachelor party and everyone else on edge, it will be a miracle if the wedding ever comes off. (102 min)

**BAD BOYS 2** (R) Martin Lawrence & Will Smith: This time the BOYZ head up a task force investigating the flow of ecstasy into Miami. Their search leads them to a dangerous drug kingpin with friends in high places whose plan to control the city's drug traffic has touched off a violent and bloody underground war. (146 min)

**DIRTY HARRY** (R) Clint Eastwood & Harry Guardino: With the city of San Francisco being terrorized by a psychotic serial killer known as Serpico, the police put every detective they have on the case including Harry Callahan, a truculent police detective who's well known for his vicious take-no-

prisoners attitude toward criminals and an unorthodox way of applying the law. (103 min)

**INNERSPACE** (PG) Dennis Quaid & Martin Short: A hell-raising experimental test pilot, volunteers to be miniaturized and injected into the bloodstream of a test rabbit in a secret medical program. As he is about to be injected, an unscrupulous scientist steals the syringe in an attempt to recover a stolen computer chip that was also miniaturized in the experiment. (120 min)

**HOW TO DEAL** (PG 13) Mandy Moore & Allison Janney: A teenage girl, disillusioned with love after observing the dysfunctional relationships all around her, decides that finding true love is almost impossible...at least until a tragic accident causes her to realize that true love can occur, even under unusual circumstances. (102 min)

**PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN** (PG 13) Johnny Depp & Geoffrey Rush: After the Governor's daughter is kidnapped by a cursed pirate Captain, one of her childhood friends agrees to team up with another rogue pirate and search the seven seas to rescue her. The pirates have another plan in mind for the girl. They need the necklace she wears and her blood to end a curse that's been placed on them. (143 min)

**DEMOLITION MAN** (R) Sylvester Stallone & Wesley Snipes: With the death penalty abolished, the punishment for a capital crime is to be frozen in cryogenic sleep. When a psychotic mass-murderer is accidentally revived, he begins to terrorize the peaceful citizens of San Angeles. The only hope is to thaw out someone who can stop him — a nasty, 20th century cop, unjustly convicted of murder. (115 min)

**LIAR, LIAR** (PG13) Jim Carrey & Maura Tierney: When the son of a fast-talking attorney blows out the candles on his birthday cake, he has only one wish, to force his father, a habitual liar, to tell the truth for one day. When the boy's wish comes true, his dad's biggest asset, his mouth, becomes his biggest liability. Can he really change? (87 min)